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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 1-E: will be open in the following area:

Neets Bay THA: will be open in those waters of Neets Bay east of the 'Sims Line' which begins at a point on the northern shore at 55°47.62' N. latitude, 131°34.50' W. longitude, to a point on the southern shore at 55°46.83' N. latitude, 131°34.36' W. longitude, and west of an inner line which begins at a point on the northern shore at 55°47.78' N. latitude, 131°31.00' W. longitude, to a point on the southern shore at 55°46.93' N. latitude, 131°31.21' W. longitude.

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line that begins at the southernmost tip of Cone Point (located at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude) to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91' N. latitude (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

District 2: will be open south of **Windy Point located at 55°12.77' N. latitude** with the following restrictions:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed **west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude;**

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Shipwreck Point to the southernmost tip of Coning Point to the southernmost tip of Datzkoo Point, with the following restriction:

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile east of Guide Rock).

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda, with the following restriction:

Port Real Marina: will be closed in all waters east of 133°34.50' W. longitude.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 7-B: will be open north of a line from Ernest Point to Vixen Point.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

District 10: will be open within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline south of the latitude of Gambier Island Light with the following restrictions:

Gambier Bay: all waters of Gambier Bay will be closed;

Pybus Bay: will be closed north of Point Pybus located at 57°18.29' N. latitude.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: **will be open** within one-half nautical mile from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.50' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light);

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W. longitude to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°09.20' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point;

Ford Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from Trap Point to a point on the Chichagof Island shoreline at 57°32.86' N. latitude, 136°00.13' W. longitude.

Salisbury Sound and Peril Strait: will be open east of the longitude of Kalinin Point and south of the latitude of Suloia Point Light with the following restrictions:

Fish Bay: will be closed east of 135°34.12' W. longitude;

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following area:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to the Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Cannon Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point;

Nakwasina Sound: **normal markers.**

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: **will be closed.**

Redfish Bay: **will be closed.**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29, through 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 30, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following area:

Lisianski Strait: will be open north of the latitude of Point Theodore and south of the latitude of Rock Point Light with the following restriction:

Stag Bay: will be closed east of 136°21.41' W. longitude.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Hidden Falls Information: the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 31, 2012.**

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S5312.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 30 (midweek)
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 27, 2012

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	-	2,000	2,000	130,000	18,000	152,000	40
District 2	-	1,700	2,500	70,000	30,000	104,200	27
District 4	-	2,200	6,000	75,000	6,000	89,200	10
Section 13-A	-	400	100	62,000	7,500	70,000	10
Section 13-B	-	170	10	95,000	660	95,840	13
Hidden Falls THA	60	400	270	18,000	282,000	300,730	100
	60	6,870	10,880	450,000	344,160	811,970	200

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 1	-	50	50	3,250	450	3,800
District 2	-	63	93	2,593	1,111	3,859
District 4	-	220	600	7,500	600	8,920
Section 13-A	-	40	10	6,200	750	7,000
Section 13-B	-	13	1	7,308	51	7,372
Hidden Falls THA	1	0	0	0	2,820	3,007

District 3: no reported catch.

Anita Bay THA: 150,000 chums and 5,100 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: 150,000 chums harvested to date.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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Seine Hotline	225-6870	772-3700		747-8522	465-8905			